

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 34

January 14, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “normal operating hours” and requires funeral directors to surrender custody of a dead body within four hours of receiving a written order, and disclose this requirement to the purchaser of funeral services. Any violation of this requirement will result in the suspension of the funeral director’s and establishment’s license for a minimum of 30 days. Removes exemption from continuing education for those licensees that have had disciplinary action taken against them by the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

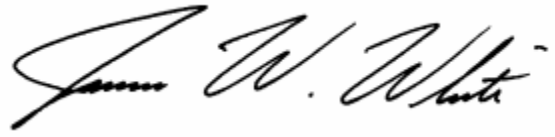
Other Fiscal Impact – The Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers will incur a one-time increase in expenditures of \$10,500 which includes \$5,000 for a rule-making hearing, \$2,500 in computer programming updates, \$2,000 for printing and mailing of notices to licensees, and \$1,000 for modifications to inspection forms. According to the Board, fees will be increased in an amount sufficient to cover increased expenditures.

Assumptions:

- The Board anticipates an increase in staff time during inspections and renewal of licenses as well as an increase in complaints.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. According to the Board, a revenue increase will be required to comply with this requirement.
- As of June 30, 2008, the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers had a reserve balance of \$177,133.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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